

## Message Text

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ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 L-03 SS-15 CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00  
SEC-01 JUSE-00 CA-01 SSO-00 NSCE-00 INRE-00 /045 W  
-----030237 052254Z /73

O R 052225Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6881  
INFO AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 3111

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOB, EFIN, PN  
SUBJECT: ROBERT VESCO

REF: STATE 113196

1. EMBASSY HAS ON TWO RECENT OCCASIONS SPOKEN TO GOP  
AUTHORITIES REGARDING ROBERT VESCO. ON MAY 4 DEA SAIC  
SEDILLO ATTENDED ANNIVERSARY FUNCTION FOR CUSTOMS  
NARCOTICS SECTION AT WHICH LTC MANUEL NORIEGA, NATIONAL  
GUARD G-2 AND CHIEF OF SECURITY, WAS PRESENT. NORIEGA  
REFERRED TO PRESS REPORTS THAT ROBERT VESCO WAS IN  
PANAMA AND VOLUNTEERED THAT GOP "HAD NOT ISSUED VISA TO  
VESCO AND HAD NO INTENTION OF DOING SO."

2. ON MAY 5, SUBSEQUENT TO TELEPHONIC INSTRUCTIONS  
FROM ARA/PAN, NORIEGA'S OFFICE WAS APPROACHED AGAIN  
ABOUT VESCO. NORIEGA WAS ADVISED THAT VESCO IS UNDER  
CRIMINAL INDICTMENT, AND IS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE IN  
THE U.S. WE INDICATED THAT WE HAD NO INFORMATION TO  
CONFIRM VESCO IS IN PANAMA BUT EXPRESSED STRONG USG  
INTEREST IN HAVING HIM RETURNED TO U.S. FOR TRIAL  
SHOULD HE APPEAR. WE ALSO REQUESTED VESCO NOT BE  
PROVIDED SAFEHAVEN IN PANAMA. THIS MESSAGE TO NORIEGA  
WAS ACKNOWLEDGED WITH ASSURANCES EMBASSY WOULD BE  
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ADVISED IF GOP LEARNS ABOUT VESCO'S WHEREABOUTS.

3. SEPARATE TELEGRAMS PROVIDE FAA INFORMATION REGARDING  
VESCO FLIGHT OUT OF COSTA RICA (SAN JOSE 1939).  
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## Message Attributes

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